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Prior Application:
Examiner: Hien Thi Tran
Group Art Unit: 1764

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Sir:

This is a

- [] Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);
[x] Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));
[] Divisional Continuation Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);
[] Divisional Application (parent being abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(d);

of pending prior application Serial No. 08/857,585, filed May 16, 1997

for [Title as filed]: HEATER AND CATALYTIC CONVERTER

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Fumio ABE and Keiji NODA

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS
AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT
OR CREDIT FEES TO
DEP. ACCT. 16-0331

1. [] A copy of the prior application is attached. This ~~PARKHURST & WENDEL~~ copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. [] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

3. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS REMAINING IN AN APPLICATION AFTER
ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OR
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 NOTED BELOW

Basic Fee
\$770.00

Total claims 11 -20 = 0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) =
Independent claims 1 - 3 = 0 x \$86.00 (*43.00) =
Total Filing Fee..... = \$770.00

4. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed (CK# 17297).

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 160331.

5. Cancel in this application claims 1, 2, 4, 7-11, 13 and 17 of the
prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least
one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

6. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the
sentence:

--This is a Continuation Division of application Serial No.
filed _____ which in turn is a [based upon PCT/..., now
allowed].--

7. Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37
CFR §1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application
which was not entered therein.

8. Priority of foreign application(s) No. 2-305430 and 2-305431,
both filed November 9, 1990; in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C.
§119.

- The certified copies were filed in prior application No.
07/765,059 on September 24, 1991.

- A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application
is filed herewith.

9. The prior application is assigned of record to NGK INSULATORS,
LTD. Recorded at Reel 7688, Frame 0860.

10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c. Address all future communications to

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11. An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.

12. An Amendment is enclosed herewith.

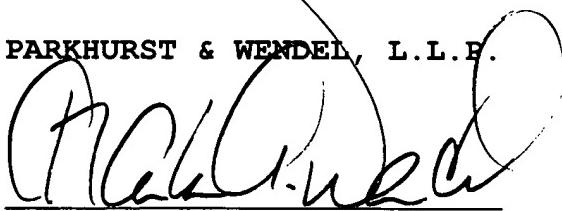
13. An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

14. This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

15. A Petition for Two-Month (Second and Third Months) Extension of Time is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.


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